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# CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A composition containing  $\beta$ -glucan, characterized by comprising as active ingredients: a cultured composition containing  $\beta$ -1,3-1,6-glucan obtained by culturing a bacterium belonging to the genus *Aureobasidium sp.*; and lactic acid bacterium *Enterococcus faecalis* cells that are killed by a heat treatment.

2. A composition containing  $\beta$ -glucan according to claim 1, wherein the bacterium belonging to the genus *Aureobasidium sp.* is *Aureobasidium pullulans* M-1 (FERM BP-08615).

3. A composition containing  $\beta$ -glucan according to claim 1 or 2, wherein a content of the cultured composition in terms of  $\beta$ -1,3-1,6-glucan in solid matters of the composition ranges from 1 to 80% by mass, and a content of the lactic acid bacterium cells in solid matters of the composition ranges from 4 to 95% by mass.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Canceled)

6. (Amended) A constipation-relieving drug, comprising as an active ingredient the composition containing  $\beta$ -glucan according

to any one of claims 1 to 3.

7. (Amended) An immunopotentiator, comprising as an active ingredient the composition containing  $\beta$ -glucan according to any one of claims 1 to 3.

8. (Amended) A skinmoisturizer, comprising as an active ingredient the composition containing  $\beta$ -glucan according to any one of claims 1 to 3.